



**Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Alaska Workforce Investment Board**

**Executive Director's Report
April 23, 2010**

The next AWIB meeting is scheduled for May 3rd and 4th at the King Career Center in Anchorage. The agenda includes an update on the Gasline Training Strategic Plan, State CTE Plan, Healthcare Workforce Development Plan, Regional Training Centers, and the Alaska State Energy Sector Partnership (ASESP) training grant. The agenda includes a workforce development budget update, legislative update, briefings from the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and a tour of King Career Center. Time has been allocated for committee meetings and an AWIB work session, including an orientation for new members.

A Career and Technical Education (CTE) Work Group meeting was held on April 13th in Anchorage to further develop the State CTE Plan. The plan identifies strategies for the Alaska Career and Technical Education Plan, key action steps and a timeline for monitoring progress of the State CTE Plan, the mission of CTE within Alaska's Education and Workforce Development systems, and reviews the status of new and ongoing CTE initiatives and partnerships. The AWIB will review the most recent draft of the State CTE Plan at the May AWIB meeting which can be viewed at labor.alaska.gov/awib/cte.htm.

A meeting of the ASEP was held on April 14th in Anchorage to review the strategic planning process, refine the project implementation timeline, and discuss resource allocation and grant distribution process. The ASEP has formed two committees that will meet at least monthly. One committee will be led by the AWIB and interested ASEP members to work on further development of the State Energy Sector Workforce Development Plan including a long-term strategy for sustainability. One committee will be led by the Division of Business Partnerships and interested ASEP members to review resource allocation among the five green energy technologies and a process for training grant distribution. The two committees will report back to the ASEP, which will meet on a quarterly basis. The next ASEP meeting will be scheduled in mid-July.

A Regional Training Center meeting will be held on April 26th and 27th, and this is the last scheduled meeting of the year. The 2010 Apprenticeship Conference "Building Alaska's Future – A Seamless System" will be held on April 28th at the Egan Convention Center in Anchorage.

A considerable amount of work and updating has been completed on the AWIB website at <http://www.labor.alaska.gov/awib/home.htm> and now includes links related to the Alaska Gasline, Registered Apprenticeship, Career and Technical Education, Education Plans, Grants, Regional Advisory Councils, Regional Training Centers, and the AWIB Newsletter.

Please welcome two new members of the AWIB. Pearl Strub from the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation and Ken Peltier from the Alaska Operating Engineers/Employers Training Trust were recently appointed to the AWIB by Governor Parnell and will be attending the May AWIB meeting.

Committees

- The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11th at 10:00 a.m.
- The next Assessment and Evaluation Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.
- The next Policy and Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.
- The next Youth Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.
- The next Workforce Readiness/Employment Placement Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

Important Dates

- The next Regional Training Center meeting is scheduled for April 26th and 27th, 2010 in Anchorage.
- The Apprenticeship Conference is scheduled for April 28, 2010 in Anchorage.
- The ACTE Region V Conference is scheduled for April 29th through May 1st, 2010 in Anchorage.
- The next May AWIB meeting is scheduled for May 3rd and 4th, 2010 in Anchorage at King Career Center.
- The Alaska Strategic State Plan for Title 1 of WIA and the Wagner-Peyser Act is due to the U.S. Department of Labor prior to the expiration of the current Plan on June 30, 2010.
- The WIA Annual Report is due to the U.S. Department of Labor October 1, 2010.
- The October AWIB meeting date has been set for October 25th and 26th, 2010.